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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SATOSHI KOIZUMI, ET AL. ) Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.  
Application No.: 09/645,321 ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: August 25, 2000 )  
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING )  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2002 to November 24, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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